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Applicant : Bidyut Parruck, et al  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, the Applicants submit the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.